

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

JULY 9, 2008

The July 9, 2008 meeting of the Wethersfield Conservation Commission was called to order, in the absence of Chairman Geiss, by Vice-Chairman Bob Pulford at 7:18PM.

Commission members in attendance were: Ingrid Boelhouwer, T. William Knapp, Ralph Moyer, Bob Pulford, and Jim Schumaker. Also in attendance was Chris Shephard for Kathy Bagley.

Chairman Pulford asked T. William Knapp if he would be 'temporary' Secretary for the purpose of taking the minutes; he granted the request, announcing it would be a historic event, i.e. the first and LAST time he would do so.

Jim Schumaker moved to change the agenda to take the consultant's from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc out of order, seconded by Ralph Moyer; carried unanimously.

Two gentlemen introduced themselves as Tom Benjamin (Senior Landscape Architect) and Jef Fasser (Director of Landscape Architecture) of the Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. firm. They are the firm whom the town has engaged to perform the update of the Goff Brook Plan.

They presented the Commission with several maps, sketches, etc and invited comments. They explained that they had just met with Park and Rec Director Kathey Bagley on that date and also with Town Engineer Mike Turner. Those two officials will be the 'contact' person's for the town (as the project progresses) and Tom will be the contact person for the firm. There was lengthy discussions, back and forth comments, questions, answers, etc. The Commission suggested that they contact John Lepper, Town Tree Warden, regarding a possibility UCONN projects might offer some idea's. The discussion's ended at 8:25PM with the Consultants agreeing to report back to the Commission at its September meeting.

Ralph Moyer moved that the minutes of the previous meeting be accepted as presented; seconded by Jim Schumaker; carried unanimously.

There were no comments from the public.

Chris Shephard reported for Kathy Bagley on progress on the Heritage Way bike trail. They are in the process of checking to make sure all signs are in place. Jim Schumaker suggested that when all is done, that would be the time for the Commission to announce its completion to the public.

There was no correspondence.

There was no correspondence to report or discuss.

Under new business, Jim Schumaker reported that he had gotten a call from a member of the Newington Conservation Commission inquiring about the Wethersfield Conservation Commission.

There being no further business to discuss, Ingrid Boelhouwer moved adjournment; seconded by Jim Schumaker; carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

T. WILLIAM KNAPP
One time Secretary